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PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR ATHERTON AND DAY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, IS, JO
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ISRAELI/JORDANIAN CONDOMINIUM FOR WEST
BANK

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 29 EMINENT ISRAELI AUTHORITY ON INTER-
NATIONAL LAW AND RELATIONS, PROF. BENJAMIN AKZIN IN CALL ON
CONGEN MADE PERSONAL PROPOSAL FOR ISRAELI/JORDANIAN CONDOMIN-
IUM FOR WEST BANK/GAZA. AKZIN THOUGHT THIS IDEA SHOULD BE
SURFACED ONLY IF GENEVA CONFERENCE DEADLOCKED AND SHOULD BE
PUT FORWARD BY THIRD PARTY, POSSIBLE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. AT HIS REQUEST, PROF. AKZIN CALLED LATE AFTERNOON JULY 29
FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON. NEAR END OF HOUR LONG CONVERSATION
DURING WHICH HE TOOK BEGINESQUE POSITION MOST ISSUES, PROF.
AKZIN ADVANCED IDEA OF A GOI/GOJ CONDOMINIUM FOR THE EST
BANK/GAZA. IN HIS VIEW, SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE A CHANCE
ONLY IN THE EVENT A DEADLOCK OCCURED IN GENEVA AND SOME PARTY
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OTHER THAN ISRAEL (HOPEFULLY THE US) WERE TO SURFACE IT IN
AN EFFORT TO AVOID A BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AKZIN SAID THAT HE ADVISED MEIR GOVERNMENT RIGHT AFTER
KHARTOUM CONFERENCE IN 1967 TO ANNEX WEST BANK. NOW, HE
IMPLIED, IT WAS TOO LATE. HE ALSO OPPOSED ALLON PLAN SINCE
NO STATE IN THESE TIMES COULD MAINTAIN FOR A LONG PERIOD

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON SOME ONE ELSE'S TERRITORY. EVEN IF ARABS AGREED INITIALLY, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD SOON RESULT IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

4. CONDOMINIUM, HOWEVER, WOULD GIVE SATISFACTION TO BOTH ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND WOULD ENABLE PALESTINIANS WHO WISHED TO DO SO (EVEN ARAFAT) TO RETURN AND ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DESCRIBED AS STRICTLY "A PERSONAL VIEW" AKZIN IS WELL CONNECTED WITH MANY SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIALS. HE HINTED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONSULTED BY DAYAN ON ALTERNATIVES LATTER WAS PREPARED TO EXPLORE AT GENEVA. IN ESSENCE, AKZIN'S IDEA SEEOMS TO BE A VARIANT OF DAYAN'S PLAN FOR A JORDANIAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND AN ISRAELI SECURITY PRESENCE IN A WEST BANK/GAZA ENTITY.
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